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SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

**Thirty-Third Regular Session of the Legislature
Under the Adoption of the
Constitution of 1974**

Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

The Senate was called to order at 4:00 o'clock P.M., by Hon. Donald E. Hines, President of the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The roll being called, the following members answered to their names:

PRESENT

Mr President	Duplessis	Kostelka
Amedee	Dupre	Malone
Bajoie	Ellington	Marionneau
Barham	Fields	McPherson
Boasso	Fontenot	Murray
Broome	Gautreaux B	Quinn
Cain	Gautreaux N	Smith
Cassidy	Heitmeier	Theunissen
Chaisson	Hollis	Ullo
Cheek	Jackson	
Cravins	Jones	
Total - 31		

ABSENT

Adley	Mount	Schedler
Lentini	Nevers	Shepherd
Michot	Romero	
Total - 8		

The President of the Senate announced there were 31 Senators present and a quorum.

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Pastor Larry Bizette, following which the Senate joined in pledging allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Reading of the Journal

On motion of Senator Bajoie, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of yesterday was adopted.

Morning Hour

**Introduction of Senate Bills
and Joint Resolutions**

Senator Bajoie asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of introducing and reading the following Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions a first and second time and referring them to committee.

SENATE BILL NO. 326—
BY SENATOR DUPRE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:329.2 and 334(A), relative to levees; to provide for the authority, functions and responsibilities of the Lafourche Basin Levee District and the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District; to require the districts to share certain ad valorem taxes levied and received, and mineral revenues in certain tax years; to exclude the parish of Lafourche from the taxing authority of the Lafourche Basin Levee District; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Bajoie, the bill was read by title and referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

SENATE BILL NO. 327—
BY SENATOR JACKSON

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:4712.14, to authorize the governing authority of the city of Shreveport to name the civic center in honor of a living person; to provide limitations; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Bajoie, the bill was read by title and referred to the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs.

**Introduction of Resolutions,
Senate and Concurrent**

Senator Bajoie asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of introducing and reading the following Resolutions, Senate and Concurrent, a first and second time and acting upon them as follows:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9—

BY SENATORS THEUNISSEN, BARHAM, CAIN, ELLINGTON, B. GAUTREAUX, N. GAUTREAUX, HINES, NEVERS AND SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To designate May 3, 2007, as "FFA Day" at the legislature.

On motion of Senator Theunissen, the resolution was read by title and adopted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28—

BY SENATORS DUPRE AND B. GAUTREAUX AND REPRESENTATIVES BALDONE, DARTEZ AND DOVE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of James Buquet, Jr., philanthropist, business owner, banker, civic leader, veteran, and one of Louisiana's greatest benefactors.

The resolution was read by title; lies over under the rules.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29—

BY SENATOR HINES

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate May 2007 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month."

The resolution was read by title. Senator Hines moved to adopt the Senate Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr President	Cravins	Jones
Amedee	Duplessis	Kostelka
Bajoie	Dupre	Malone
Barham	Ellington	Marionneau
Boasso	Fields	McPherson
Broome	Fontenot	Murray
Cain	Gautreaux B	Quinn
Cassidy	Heitmeier	Smith

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Chaisson	Hollis	Theunissen
Cheek	Jackson	Ullo
Total - 30		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Adley	Michot	Romero
Gautreaux N	Mount	Schedler
Lentini	Nevers	Shepherd
Total - 9		

The Chair declared the Senate had adopted the Senate Concurrent Resolution and ordered it sent to the House.

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading to be Referred

The following Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions were read and referred to committees as follows:

SENATE BILL NO. 63—
BY SENATOR BARHAM

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 29:728(F), relative to parish homeland security and emergency preparedness agencies; to provide state funds for a full-time director of such agencies for each parish; to provide for criteria of eligibility for such director; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Bajoie, the bill was read by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary B.

SENATE BILL NO. 220—
BY SENATOR KOSTELKA

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:2203.1(H), relative to health care cost control; to provide with respect to preferred provider organizations; to provide that certain provisions of law regulating such organizations are not applicable to preferred provider agreements or arrangements regarding or applied to workers' compensation claims; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Bajoie, the bill was read by title and referred to the Committee on Insurance.

Senate Resolutions on Second Reading

The following Senate Resolutions on second reading were taken up and acted upon as follows:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7—
BY SENATOR SCHEDLER

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Captain Rob Callahan of the Slidell Police Department.

On motion of Senator Bajoie, the resolution was read by title and returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

The following Senate Concurrent Resolutions on second reading were taken up and acted upon as follows:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—
BY SENATOR FONTENOT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of Anthony "Tony" Dugas.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Fontenot moved to adopt the Senate Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr President	Cravins	Jones
Amedee	Duplessis	Kostelka
Bajoie	Dupre	Malone
Barham	Ellington	Marionneau
Boasso	Fields	McPherson
Broome	Fontenot	Murray
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Total - 30

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Adley	Michot	Romero
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Lentini	Nevers	Shepherd
Total - 9		

The Chair declared the Senate had adopted the Senate Concurrent Resolution and ordered it sent to the House.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—
BY SENATOR KOSTELKA

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Sam Wilkinson for his thirty years of dedicated service to Louisiana Tech University athletics and to congratulate him upon the occasion of his retirement.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Kostelka moved to adopt the Senate Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr President	Cravins	Jones
Amedee	Duplessis	Kostelka
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NAYS

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Messages from the House

The following Messages from the House were received and read as follows:

Message from the House

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

April 30, 2007

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has finally passed and asks your concurrence in the following House Concurrent Resolutions:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—
 BY REPRESENTATIVES SALTER, ANDERS, CHANDLER, FANNIN, KENNEY, AND TOWNSEND AND SENATORS ELLINGTON AND SMITH
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To designate portions of U.S. Highway 84 and Louisiana Highway 6 as the El Camino East/West Corridor and to express support for funding the improvements necessary to widen the entire route to four lanes.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE HILL
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to designate the portion of Louisiana Highway 26 from the Oberlin city limits to Mittie in Allen Parish as the "Staff Sergeant William 'Bill' F. Manuel Memorial Highway" and to erect signage along this route reflecting this designation.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAHAN
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to designate a portion of U.S. Highway 167 in Lafayette Parish and Vermilion Parish as "Vermilion Parkway".

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE BRUCE
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To commend Hope McFarland of Keithville upon receipt of a 2007 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25—
 BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHNEIDER AND CROWE
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Captain Robert V. Callahan, Jr., of the Slidell Police Department.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHNEIDER
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Constantin "Chris" Kerageorgiou, renowned chef and founder of La Provence restaurant in Lacombe.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE HUTTER
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To commend Louisiana's school support workers and to recognize the first Tuesday in May annually as School Support Workers Day.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32—
 BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER AND ARNOLD AND SENATORS HEITMEIER AND SHEPHERD
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To commend the Cougars basketball team of Edna Karr High School in Algiers upon winning the Class 3A state championship.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE SALTER
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Jules F. Regard of Baton Rouge.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERY
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Anthony G. "Tony" Sardisco of Shreveport.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37—
 BY REPRESENTATIVES KLECKLEY, FRITH, GEYMAN, ELCIE GULLORY, HILL, JOHNS, AND MORRISH AND SENATORS CAIN, MOUNT, AND THEUNISSEN
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death, in the line of duty, of Deputy Ronald Alan Inzer of the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38—
 BY REPRESENTATIVES KLECKLEY, FRITH, GEYMAN, ELCIE GULLORY, HILL, JOHNS, AND MORRISH AND SENATORS CAIN, MOUNT, AND THEUNISSEN
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Frederick Wayne Frey, assistant district attorney for Calcasieu Parish.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE GARY SMITH
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study the feasibility of installing guardrails along a portion of U.S. Highway 61 in St. Charles Parish and to reestablish the U.S. Highway 61 Task Force.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE DURAND
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To commend Sharyn Scheyd for her work as an advocate on behalf of Louisiana citizens with disabilities and those who are elderly.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE GARY SMITH
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to give tax relief to small businesses which provide health insurance for their employees.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE GARY SMITH
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to forgive student loans of college graduates who move to Louisiana to support activities to rebuild and revitalize communities damaged by Hurricanes Katrina or Rita.

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CROWE
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to designate a portion of U.S. Highway 11 in St. Tammany Parish as the "Clarence 'Gatemouth' Brown Memorial Highway" and to erect proper signage along this route to reflect this designation.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFONTA
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To strongly urge and request the United States Postal Service, particularly the Postmaster of New Orleans, to take all necessary measures to facilitate the long-overdue restoration of regular mail service to the citizens of New Orleans, including regular home delivery.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SALTER AND SENATOR HINES
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Public Administration Institute Student Association (PAISA) at Louisiana State University and to recognize April 13, 2007, as the ninth annual PAISA Day in the state of Louisiana.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36—

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Recovery Authority and the Department of Economic Development to make more funds available for small business recovery loan and grant programs and to allow certain sole proprietorships and nonprofit entities to participate in those programs.

Respectfully submitted,
ALFRED W. SPEER
Clerk of the House of Representatives

House Concurrent Resolutions

Senator Bajoie asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to take up at this time the following House Concurrent Resolutions just received from the House which were taken up, read a first and second time by their titles and acted upon as follows:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—

BY REPRESENTATIVES SALTER, ANDERS, CHANDLER, FANNIN, KENNEY, AND TOWNSEND AND SENATORS ELLINGTON AND SMITH
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate portions of U.S. Highway 84 and Louisiana Highway 6 as the El Camino East/West Corridor and to express support for funding the improvements necessary to widen the entire route to four lanes.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Smith moved to concur in the House Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns of names: Mr President, Amedee, Bajoie, Barham, Boasso, Broome, Cain, Cassidy, Cravins, Duplessis, Dupre, Ellington, Fields, Fontenot, Gautreaux B, Heitmeier, Jones, Kostelka, Malone, Marionneaux, Murray, Quinn, Smith, Theunissen

Table with 3 columns of names: Chaisson, Cheek, Total - 29, Hollis, Jackson, Total - 0, Ullo

NAYS

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns of names: Adley, Gautreaux N, Lentini, McPherson, Total - 10, Michot, Mount, Nevers, Romero, Schedler, Shepherd

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE HUTTER
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Louisiana's school support workers and to recognize the first Tuesday in May annually as School Support Workers Day.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Boasso moved to concur in the House Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

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YEAS

Mr President	Cravins	Jones
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Bajoie	Dupre	Malone
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 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Cougars basketball team of Edna Karr High School in Algiers upon winning the Class 3A state championship.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Heitmeier moved to concur in the House Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

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 BY REPRESENTATIVE SALTER
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Jules F. Regard of Baton Rouge.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Smith moved to concur in the House Concurrent Resolution.

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 BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERY
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Anthony G. "Tony" Sardisco of Shreveport.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Malone moved to concur in the House Concurrent Resolution.

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On motion of Senator Bajoie, the resolution was read by title and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37—
BY REPRESENTATIVES KLECKLEY, FRITH, GEYMAN, ELCIE
GUILLORY, HILL, JOHNS, AND MORRISH AND SENATORS CAIN,
MOUNT, AND THEUNISSEN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of
Louisiana upon the death, in the line of duty, of Deputy Ronald
Alan Inzer of the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Theunissen moved to
concur in the House Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr President Cravins Jones
Amedee Duplessis Kostelka
Bajoie Dupre Malone
Barham Ellington Marionneaux
Boasso Fields McPherson
Broome Fontenot Murray
Cain Gautreaux B Quinn
Cassidy Heitmeier Smith
Chaisson Hollis Theunissen
Cheek Jackson Ullo
Total - 30

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Adley Michot Romero
Gautreaux N Mount Schedler
Lentini Nevers Shepherd
Total - 9

The Chair declared the Senate had concurred in the House
Concurrent Resolution and ordered it returned to the House.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38—
BY REPRESENTATIVES KLECKLEY, FRITH, GEYMAN, ELCIE
GUILLORY, HILL, JOHNS, AND MORRISH AND SENATORS CAIN,
MOUNT, AND THEUNISSEN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of
Frederick Wayne Frey, assistant district attorney for Calcasieu
Parish.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Theunissen moved to
concur in the House Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr President Cravins Jones
Amedee Duplessis Kostelka
Bajoie Dupre Malone
Barham Ellington Marionneaux
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The Chair declared the Senate had concurred in the House
Concurrent Resolution and ordered it returned to the House.

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

RETIREMENT

Senator B. Gautreaux, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on
Retirement, submitted the following report:

May 1, 2007

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Retirement to submit the
following report:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—

BY SENATOR B. GAUTREAU AND REPRESENTATIVE SCHNEIDER
AND SENATORS HINES, ELLINGTON AND N. GAUTREAU AND
REPRESENTATIVES SALTER AND JANE SMITH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize the board of trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System
of Louisiana to grant cost-of-living increases to eligible benefit
recipients; to provide for the maximum amount of such increase;
and to provide for an effective date.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 48—

BY SENATOR BOASSO

AN ACT

To enact Subpart P of Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle I of Title 11 of
the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S.
11:331 through 334, relative to provisions affecting more than
one public retirement system; to create the Public Retirement
Fund in the state treasury; to create subfunds therein; to provide
for allocation of certain monies to the fund; to provide for
allocation from the subfunds to the Louisiana State Employees'
Retirement System and to the Teachers' Retirement System of
Louisiana; to specify purposes for which monies received from
the fund shall be used; to provide supplemental monies for the
payment of cost-of-living adjustments; to provide for an
effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 83—

BY SENATOR B. GAUTREAU AND REPRESENTATIVE WHITE AND
SENATOR FONTENOT AND REPRESENTATIVES ERDEY, LAMBERT
AND ST. GERMAIN AND SENATOR NEVERS AND REPRESENTATIVE
WALSWORTH

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 11:1331.1, relative to the State Police Pension and
Retirement System; to provide for cost-of-living adjustments; to
provide an increased benefit for certain beneficiaries of the
system; to provide a cost-of-living adjustment of not more than
three hundred dollars to certain service and disability retirees
and the surviving spouses of such retirees; to provide for
funding of such benefit; to authorize the system's board of
trustees to grant additional and supplemental cost-of-living
adjustments otherwise permitted by law notwithstanding the

legislative grant of the cost-of-living adjustment; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 116—

BY SENATORS THEUNISSEN, B. GAUTREAU, HINES, ELLINGTON AND MOUNT AND REPRESENTATIVES SALTER, FRITH, JOHNS, JANE SMITH, MORRISH, WALSWORTH, GEYMAN, KLECKLEY AND ELCIE GULLORY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 11:542.1 and 883.1.1, relative to cost-of-living increases; to provide for cost-of-living increases payable from the employee experience accounts of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana; to authorize the boards of trustees of such systems to grant supplemental increases from such accounts payable July 1, 2007; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 127—

BY SENATOR BOASSO

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article X, Section 29(E)(4) and (5) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to retirement and survivor's benefits; to limit creation of additional unfunded accrued liabilities for state retirement systems unless certain conditions are met; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 130—

BY SENATOR BOASSO

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:102(B)(5) and to enact Subpart P of Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle I of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 11:331 through 334, relative to state retirement systems; to provide with respect to funding for the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana; to provide for additional employer contributions for such funding; to create the Public Retirement Fund in the state treasury; to create subfunds therein; to allocate such additional employer contributions to the subfunds; to provide for allocation from the subfunds to the systems; to specify purposes for which monies received from the subfunds shall be used; to provide supplemental monies for the payment of cost-of-living adjustments; to provide for payment and reamortization of the unfunded accrued liabilities of such systems existing as of June 30, 1988; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
D.A. "BUTCH" GAUTREAU
Chairman

Motion to Recommit

Senator Jones asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules and recommitted Senate Bill No. 170 from the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the Committee on Judiciary B.

Motion to Recommit

Senator Smith asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules and recommitted Senate Bill No. 235 from the Committee on Health and Welfare to the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

Motion to Recommit

Senator Heitmeier asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules and recommitted Senate Bill No. 128 from the Committee on Judiciary C to the Committee on Finance.

Rules Suspended

Senator Theunissen asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of recalling Senate Bill No. 289 from the Committee on Judiciary C.

SENATE BILL NO. 289—

BY SENATOR THEUNISSEN

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:64(C) and the Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 876, relative to sentencing; to provide discretion to the court to suspend or reduce a sentence in certain circumstances; to require that certain criteria be satisfied; to require probation; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Theunissen, the bill was read by title and withdrawn from the files of the Senate.

Rules Suspended

Senator Smith asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of reverting to the order of

Introduction of Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions

Senator Bajoie asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of introducing and reading the following Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions a first and second time and referring them to committee.

SENATE BILL NO. 328—

BY SENATOR HOLLIS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:6026, relative to income tax credits; to provide for a refundable credit against state income taxes to certain taxpayers for their property and casualty insurance premium; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Bajoie, the bill was read by title and referred to the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

Rules Suspended

Senator Smith asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of reverting to the order of

Introduction of Resolutions, Senate and Concurrent

Senator Bajoie asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of introducing and reading the following Resolutions, Senate and Concurrent, a first and second time and acting upon them as follows:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10—

BY SENATOR MICHOT

A RESOLUTION

To proclaim the month of May, 2007, as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, ALS Awareness Month.

The resolution was read by title; lies over under the rules.

May 1, 2007

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30—

BY SENATOR JONES

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the commissioner of the office of financial institutions to report each regulated financial institution's most recent rating received pursuant to the federal Community Reinvestment Act.

On motion of Senator Jones, the resolution was read by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31—

BY SENATOR MCPHERSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development, in cooperation and consultation with local governing authorities, to begin a study of the feasibility and development of a beltway around the cities of Alexandria and Pineville.

On motion of Senator McPherson, the resolution was read by title and referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Adley	1 Day	Lentini	1 Day
Michot	1 Day	Mount	1 Day
Nevers	1 Day	Romero	1 Day
Schedler	1 Day	Shepherd	1 Day

Adjournment

Senator Bajoie moved that the Senate adjourn until Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at 10:00 o'clock A.M.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned until 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Wednesday, May 2, 2007.

GLENN A. KOEPP
Secretary of the Senate

LYNDA E. WHEELER
Journal Clerk